



FROM OUT OF THE PAST AND PRESENT THEY STALKED TO FORM "The LEAGUE OF CHALLENGER-HATERS," THEIR GRIM MOTTO: "DESTROY THE CHALLENGERS!"

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ACE MORGAN
FAMED JET PILOT



**PROF
HALEY**
DEEP-
SEA
DIVER



**ROCKY
DAVIS**
WRESTLING CHAMP
AND STRONG MAN



**RED
RYAN**
CONQUEROR
OF MOUNTAINS

THESE FOUR MEN ARE
MARKED FOR DEATH BY...

the LEAGUE of CHALLENGER- HATERS



OUR PLANS
ARE
COMPLETED!
NOW WE
ENEMIES
OF THE
CHALLENGERS
TAKE ACTION
TO DESTROY
THE FOUR
WE HATE
SO MUCH!



A STARTLING NEW THREAT FOR THE CHALLENGERS, THE SECOND-CHANCE MEN WHO LIVE FEARLESSLY ON BORROWED TIME! THEY SURVIVED A PLANE CRASH THAT SHOULD HAVE PROVED FATAL-- BUT NOW A NEW EVIL PLAN IS IN THE MAKING TO CUT SHORT THAT BORROWED TIME... FOREVER!

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WHO ARE THESE FANTASTIC, SINISTER PLOTTERS MEETING IN A SUBTERRANEAN HEADQUARTERS?

OUR STRATEGY IS TO SPLIT THEM UP -- DIVIDE AND CONQUER! THEN WE'LL PULL OUR MASTER COUP-- AND CRUSH THEM!

DEATH TO THE CHALLENGERS!

FAMILIAR? YES, FOR ALL FOUR MET THE CHALLENGERS -- AND WERE DEFEATED! NOW THEY'RE BACK, COMBINING THEIR ASTOUNDING TALENTS, VOWING REVENGE! LET'S TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO SEE THE EVENTS THAT LED UP TO THIS OMINOUS SESSION...

TWO DAYS AGO, IN RUGGED HILL COUNTRY, A RASPING, METALLIC VOICE RANG OUT IN THE STILL AIR...

WHEN THE CHALLENGERS DEFEATED ME ON MY WORLD, THEY BROUGHT ME DISGRACE--HAD ME SENT TO PRISON...

... FINALLY, I WAS EXILED, BY TELEPORTATION, TO ANOTHER PLANET! BUT I WAS LUCKY-- I GOT MY CHOICE OF PLANETS...

... AND I CHOSE THE WORLD OF THE CHALLENGERS-- BECAUSE I SWORE TO DESTROY THEM!

I AM KRA-- KING OF THE ROBOTS-- CONSTRUCTED AND PROGRAMMED TO THINK FOR MYSELF! THOSE PESKY CHALLENGERS WILL RUE THE DAY THEY CAME TO MY WORLD, ROBOT PLANET*-- AND STYMIED MY ROBOT REVOLUTION!

WHILE IN JAIL AWAITING EXILE, I READ UP ON THE CHALLENGERS IN THE PRISON LIBRARY-- ALL THE STORIES WRITTEN ABOUT THEM, AFTER THEY CONQUERED ME AND MY ROBOT ARMY...



...I WILL ENLIST THE AID OF OTHER VILLAINS WHO, LIKE ME, WERE DEFEATED BY THEM! TOGETHER, WE WILL FORM **THE LEAGUE OF CHALLENGER-HATERS!** NOW WHICH VILLAIN SHALL I GET FIRST?



THE **CHALLENGERS** FINALLY CAUGHT DRABNY, AND GAVE HIS HELMET TO A RESEARCH LAB! I KNOW WHERE IT'S KEPT! I'LL GET IT, THEN FREE DRABNY!



...SO I'LL DISASSEMBLE THE ATOMS OF MY SUPER-DUPER IRON BODY, AND REASSEMBLE THEM ELSEWHERE-- AT THE **LABORATORY!**



DRABNY *-- WHO CONTROLLED THE ELEMENTS WITH A WONDROUS HELMET! THAT'S THE MAN!

I COMMANDED THE GROUND TO OPEN UP-- AND IT DID! GLAD YOU "**TUMBLED**" TO THE GAG, **CHALLENGERS!**

-HA-



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I CAN NO LONGER TELEPORT MYSELF THROUGH **SPACE!** THAT POWER WAS AUTOMATICALLY TAKEN FROM ME WHEN I LANDED HERE! BUT I CAN **STILL** TELEPORT MYSELF TO ANY SPOT HERE ON **EARTH...**



INSTANTLY...

HEY! WH-WHO'S THAT? I MEAN-- WHAT'S THAT?

I DUNNO-- BUT LET 'IM HAVE IT!

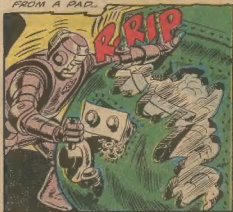




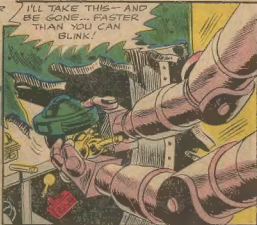
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AND, LIKE TEARING A SHEET OF PAPER FROM A PAD...



I'LL TAKE THIS-- AND BE GONE... FASTER THAN YOU CAN BLINK!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT...



WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTING ABOUT? IT SOUNDED LIKE A TV WESTERN IN HERE!

WELL, THE GUY **WE** SAW WASN'T EXACTLY ROY ROGERS!

WHAT HAPPENED? WHO COULD'VE TWISTED THE DOOR LIKE IT WAS TAFFY CANDY?

IT WAS A BIG IRON GUY--EVEN BIGGER THAN THIS... THEN HE **VANISHED!** BETTER GET AN ALERT OUT!



SOON AFTER THE CHALLENGERS ARRIVE...



AS MUCH AS I DREAD SAYING IT, FROM THE WAY YOU DESCRIBE THAT METAL MONSTROSITY, IT WAS--

KRA, KING OF ROBOTS-- NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

KRA? BUT THAT TIN TROUBLE-MAKER'S S'POSED TO BE IN THE CLINK ON ROBOT PLANET-- WHERE WE RIVETED HIS EARS BACK! HOW'D HE GET HERE-- AN' WHAT'S HE WANT WITH DRABNY'S TRICK HELMET?

NO TIME FOR GUESSING GAMES! **WE'VE GOT TO STOP KRA** FROM WHATEVER HE'S UP TO!





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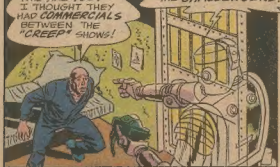
MEANWHILE
IN A PRISON
CELL...

WHO ARE YOU?
I THOUGHT THEY
HAD COMMERCIALS
BETWEEN THE
"CREEP" SHOWS!

I'LL OVERLOOK YOUR BAD
HUMOR! I'VE BROUGHT YOUR
ELEMENT-CONTROL HELMET!
YOU'RE GOING TO WORK
WITH ME -- TO DESTROY
THE CHALLENGERS!

I'M ON YOUR
TEAM, FRIEND!
WHAT'S FIRST
ON THE
PROGRAM?

GETTING YOU
OUT OF HERE --
BUT SINCE I
CAN'T TELEPORT
YOU, AS I DO
MYSELF, USE
YOUR HELMET
TO BURROW A
HOLE TO THE
CAVERNS BELOW!



THIS IS EASY! A SIMPLE
COMMAND SEPARATES THE
MOLECULES OF THE FLOOR --
AH! THERE'S OUR OPENING!



VOLCANO MAN ALMOST HAD
THEM -- A COUPLE OF TIMES...
I'M GLAD NOW THAT HE DIDN'T
FINISH THE JOB -- OR WE'D
NEVER ENJOY THE SATISFACTION
OF GETTING OUR REVENGE!



THEN, BELOW...

YOUR NAME'S
KRA, EH?
YOU'RE OKAY,
PAL! WHAT'S
OUR NEXT
MOVE?

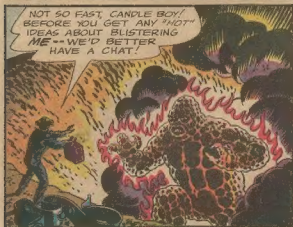
WE'LL GET
VOLCANO MAN*
TO JOIN US! HE
WAS QUITE A
TROUBLE-MAKER
FOR THE
CHALLENGERS!



VOLCANO MAN WAS SUPPOSEDLY KILLED
IN A BLAST -- BUT I THINK HE'S STILL
ALIVE! YOU'LL FETCH HIM FOR ME, CRABBY!

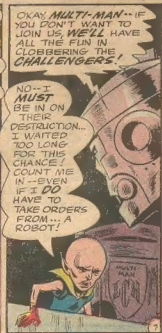


*CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN NO.27





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NO CRACKS ABOUT ME, **MULTI-MAN!** I AM NO ORDINARY ROBOT! I AM KING OF ROBOTS! NOW DOWN TO BUSINESS...



SINCE WE'LL BE SEPARATED, **VOLCANO MAN**, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGNAL ME BY PUSHING THIS BUTTON ON YOUR **THERMO BELT!** THAT SOUND WILL BE PICKED UP BY A MECHANISM INSIDE ME!

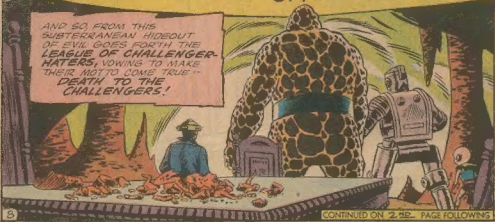


OUR STRATEGY WILL BE DIVIDE AND CONQUER! THEY'RE TOO ROUGH TO HANDLE AS A GROUP, WE'LL SPLIT UP THE **CHALLENGERS!**



DEATH TO THE CHALLENGERS

AND SO, FROM THIS SUBTERRANEAN HIDEOUT OF EVIL GOES FORTH THE **LEAGUE OF CHALLENGER-HATERS**, VOWING TO MAKE THEIR MOTTO COME TRUE... **DEATH TO THE CHALLENGERS!**



CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING

WHOSE FACE DOES THE ENEMY SEE IN HIS SMOKING SIGHTS?... **GI JOE!**



WHOSE FACE DOES THE ENEMY SEE IN HIS WILDEST NIGHTMARES?... **GI JOE!**



BUT-WHO REALLY **IS** GI JOE?

THE SOLDIER WHO WALKS THROUGH EXPLODING STEEL?
THE FROGMAN WHO PLAYS TAG WITH A TORPEDO?
THE MARINE WHO CAN ONLY SPELL-**ATTACK!**

SHOWCASE presents **GI JOE!**

IN THE MOST SENSATIONAL PRIZE CONTEST SINCE THE FIRST ARROW WAS FIRED-IN WHICH YOU-YOU-YOU CAN JOIN THE UNIQUE BATTLE JURY IN DECIDING THE FATE OF G.I. JOE!

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YOUR
COPY
NOW!



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SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

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EVER!**



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WHEREVER
TOYS
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NOW IN FOOD STORES

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Jams, jellies & preserves.

NEXT DAY PANICKY
BULLETING CRISS-
CROSS THE COUNTRY.

WE BLASTED THAT
ROBOT WITH EVERY
THING FROM MG
SHOTS TO ROCKETS--
AND STILL CAN'T
BRING IT DOWN!

BOO!
HA, HA,
HA!

ARCH-VILLAINS
RUN BERSERK!

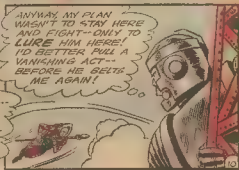
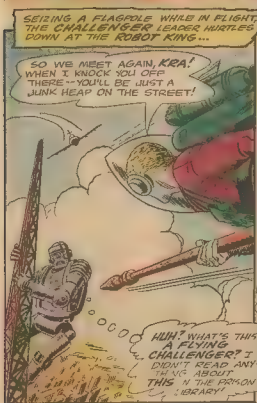
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT IS THAT?
WE WEREN'T
SUPPOSE TO
SHOOT THE
ROME-BURNING
SCENE TILL
LATER!

THIS SHIP
GOIN' CRAZY!
IT'S FLYIN'!

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CHALLENGER
MOUNTAIN...

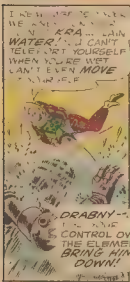
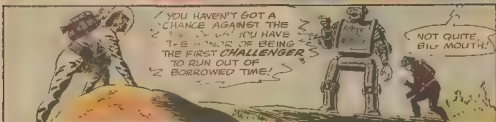
KRA.. MULTI-MAN.
DRABNY.. VOLCANO
MAN.. SOUNDS LIKE
A CLASS REUNION OF
VILLAINS! LOOKS LIKE WE
GET A "RETURN
ENGAGEMENT" WITH
'EM!

WE COULD COME
OUT SECOND BEST
THIS TIME--
UNLESS WE WEAR
OUR SPECIAL SUIT
STEP ON IT CHUM!





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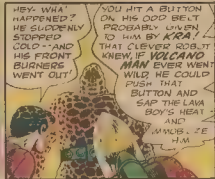
ON THE MOVIE SET, ROCKY USES A CATAPULT-- WITH REAL BOULDERS--

THE BOULDERS AREN'T EVEN JARRIN' THAT OVERSIZED HOT-PLATE! HE KEEPS COMIN' ON!



HEY, WHA' HAPPENED? HE SUDDENLY STOPPED COLD--AND HIS FRONT BURNERS WENT OUT!

YOU HIT A BUTTON ON HIS ODD BELT PROBABLY GIVEN TO HIM BY KRA! THAT CLEVER ROBOT KNEW, IF VOLCANO MAN EVER WENT WILD, HE COULD PUSH THAT BUTTON AND SAP THE LAVA BOY'S HEAT-- AND MWOOLIE H.M.



HE'LL HOLD--TILL WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH H.M! HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

SOUNDS LIKE REE--MAKIN' WITH HIS MAN-MADE LIGHTNIN'! LET'S GO HUM!

CRACK-F-RA-WHAP



AND IN THE NEARBY HILLS, WHERE MULTI-MAN HAS MADE HIMSELF HUGE BY DRINKING HIS JIN JUE TRANSFORMATION FLUID



THOSE GNTING BOLTS ARE WRECKING MY NEW MOLECULAR GET-UP! I'M SHRINKING!



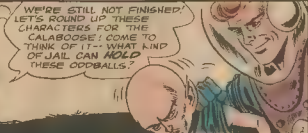
YOU'VE HAD YOUR DAY MULTI-MAN--NOW IT'S YOUR TWILIGHT! STOP SQUIRMING--YOU WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO USE YOUR INSTANT-CHANGE GIMMICK!



IT'S BEEN A BAD DAY FOR THE BADDIES EH, FRIENDS?



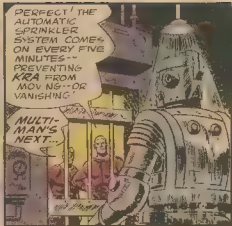
WE'RE STILL NOT FINISHED! LET'S ROUND UP THESE CHARACTERS FOR THE CALABOOSE! COME TO THINK OF IT--WHAT KIND OF JAIL CAN HOLD THESE ODDBALLS?





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-F PROBLEM
IS SOLVED
DEEP IN A
VOLCANO..

SO LONG AS HE
STAYS IMMOBILIZED
HE'S JUST A CHUNK
OF LAVA! COME
ON--WE'LL CHECK
KRA...

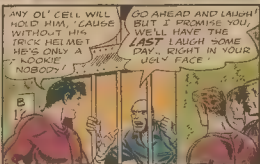


PERFECT! THE
AUTOMATIC
SPRINKLER
SYSTEM COMES
ON EVERY FIVE
MINUTES--
PREVENTING
KRA FROM
MOVING--OR
VANISHING!

MULTI-
MAN'S
NEXT...



WITHOUT THAT MAGIC
POTION HE'S JUST
ANOTHER PIGEON
IN THE COOP! NOW
LET'S HAVE A LOOK
AT DRABNY!



ANY OL' CELL WILL
HOLD HIM, 'CAUSE
WITHOUT HIS
TRICK HELMET
HE'S ONLY A
KOOKIE
NOBODY!

GO AHEAD AND LAUGH!
BUT I PROMISE YOU,
WE'LL HAVE THE
LAST LAUGH SOME
DAY.. RIGHT IN YOUR
UGLY FACE!

YOU CAN BE SURE THE CHALLENGER-WATERS
WILL BE BACK! BUT THIS TIME WILL THEY FUL-
FILL THEIR VOW TO CUT "SHORT THE BORROWED
TIME OF THE CHALLENGERS?" WATCH FOR AN
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR COMEBACK!

THE END

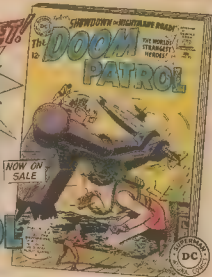
A COMICS THRILL
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!

They were
THE WORLD'S
STRANGEST
HEROES!

- ✓ A GIRL WHO COULD SHRINK TO A FRACTION OF AN INCH OR GROW TO 60 FEET...
- ✓ A MAN WHO HID HIS RADIOACTIVE POWERS BEHIND SPECIAL BANDAGES...
- ✓ A ROBOT WITH A HUMAN BRAIN...
- ✓ LED BY AN INVALID WHO HAD THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD AT HIS FINGERTIPS...

Together
they
formed

The
DOOM PATROL
to fight evil in all its forms!



NOW ON
SALE



CHALLENGERS' MAIL CHUTE



Dear Editor: For a long time, I've been puzzled as to who is the leader of the CHALLENGER quartet. Do you think you might get right down to the core of the problem and let us know?

David Okrum, Los Angeles

We anticipated your question, David. Right now on Bob Brown's drawing board is the story that will set yours and countless thousands of other readers' minds at rest. But don't look to us for a clue. You'll have to wait until the dramatic, suspenseful saga appears. It won't be long, though. If schedules permit, it may run in the next issue!

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Dear Editor: Right now, you have a good magazine going for you in the CHALLENGERS, who, in living on borrowed time, have no fear of death. We of the Great Beyond agree that you could make this good mag into a great one by having them live up to their title, "Challengers of the Unknown." Right now, they are fighting mere mortals and all the evils of the living. But dare they step beyond and fight the inhuman elements? We don't mean all sorts of weird space monsters but the silent plague of the earth. The challenge of the unknown is greater than the challenge of the bad guy!

The Vlob and The Immortal One,
1313 Twilight Blvd.,
Land of the Unknown

That's an interesting idea, and we'd cheerfully respond (if you don't mind), but your letter was postmarked Havre, Mont., and we don't know if it would be forwarded to you.

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CHIT-CHAT FROM THE MAIL CHUTE: Tommy Koch, 3310 Apache Lane, St. Joseph, Mo., would appreciate receipt of any CHALLENGER issues from 1 through 32 . . . Attention, John Ewing: Gregory Kerekes, 89-37 202 Street, Hollis, N.Y., asks if you or anyone you know wants to part with issues 1-7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 23 . . . Duane Parsons, Denmark, Me., thinks No. 40 was the greatest. Any objections, and he'd fight anyone. Seems he'd rather fight than switch heroes! . . . Passions of praise received from Marcus Smith, Milwaukee, Wisc.; David Dolinsky, Jamaica, Pa.; Steve Lebow, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Jimmy Archer, Houston, Tex.; Dana Richardson, Dayton, O.; and Thomas Brown, Jr., Philadelphia.

Voting in the CHALLENGER Popularity Contest continues. The Tomaszewski family of Park Ridge, Ill. is split. Cathy votes for Rocky; Christine's and Cherie's favorite is Prof . . . Jim Bates, Speedway,

Ind., picks Red . . . Jim Mordaunt, Newfane, N.Y., and Ronald Bialkowski, Flushing, N.Y., both choose ol' Rock. But many readers, like Ricky Kysar, Waynoka, Okla., claims he can't choose his favorite because he loves 'em all!

New CHALLENGER Fan Clubs formed by Richard Wolf, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Gilbert, Mascotte, Fla.; Kenneth Belden, Sylmar, Calif.; Eddie Schwing, Magnolia, Miss.; Robin, David, Lee and Steve Rose, Cincinnati, O. The best of luck to all of you! . . . To readers like Edward Schneider, Levittown, N.Y.: Victor Nelson, Seattle, Wash.; Patricia Fraley, Houston, Tex.; and Vincent Ganey, Brooklyn, N.Y. among dozens who've requested them, photos of our CHALLENGER heroes will be sent to you in the near future after plans have been completed concerning their new uniforms. Please be patient. Your names have been added to the list!

If you want to make sure that you don't miss the sensational issue in which the story will appear, why not subscribe? Right now, we're making a big-bargain offer, which you can't afford to miss. For details, see the advertisement in this issue!

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Dear Editor: Having avidly read "The Spy in Challenger Cave," I recalled the reconnaissance rocket, which is presently being developed at the Downey Plant here in California. If Multi-Man had this, he wouldn't need to have invented his unique equipment. The rocket is called "Tattletale." It is a camera mounted on a small rocket, and its purpose is to get up-to-the-minute battlefield pictures without exposing soldiers or launch site to the enemy's fire.

How does Tattletale work? Only a two-man crew is needed. First, there is the simple launch. At pre-determined altitude, rocket case and nose cap drop away, and a small parachute opens. Drifting slowly under its chute, Tattletale photographs the terrain below. At a pre-set descent point, a retro-boost rocket blasts the system through its chute, back to higher altitude.

There, more casing drops away, and a gas-filled para-glider wing deploys. Descending in a glide (controlled by ground radio or on its own pre-set compass heading), the wing brings back Tattletale and its film.

Rick Harvey, San Diego, Calif.

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WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME, RED
RYAN? WHY
DID I HIDE
MY FACE?

YOU... BE ASHAMED
AS MY TEAMMATES WERE
WHEN THEY LEARNED THE
STARTLING SECRET
BEHIND

The SECRET of the MASKED CHALLENGER

COULD BEH
JAMES AN
DESTROY THE
MANDROID--
BUT IT ALSO
ALL MY FALS
WHAT I DO

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT US, RED
IF YOU DON'T BLAST
THIS WALKING
TERROR HE'LL
FIRST KILL YOU
THEN US, ANY-
WAY! GO AHEAD!
DO IT!





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DEEP IN THE "INVULNERABLE" VAULTS OF SPRAWLING FORT BLOX A SHATTERING MIDNIGHT EXPLOSION SHOOK THE STALKEST OLD BULLION

NEXT MORNING, THE BRAZEN, INGENUOUS THEFT DREW US **CHALLENGERS**, TACKLERS OF THE UNKNOWN— THE **X** QUANTITY...



WHO COULD'VE CARRIED OFF FIVE TONS OF GOLD?

WHO--OR WHAT-- THAT'S OUR JOB TO FIND OUT!



WHAT CAUSED THE BIG BLAST OL' BUDDY?

NO BLAST DID THIS CAN-OPENING JOB PAL. BUT I'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT SOON'S I GET THS SPELUNKING GEAR TOGETHER



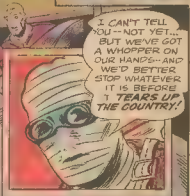
BE SEEN' YOU GUYS--!

BE CAREFUL, CARROT-TOP! DON LET YOUR TIME RUN OUT DOWN THERE!



A HALF-HOUR DRAGGED BY, THEN

RED! WH-WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



I CAN'T TELL YOU--NOT YET... BUT WE'VE GOT A WHOPPER ON OUR HANDS--AND WE'D BETTER STOP WHATEVER IT IS BEFORE I TEARS UP THE COUNTRY!

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...

PATIENCE, MANDROID!
NO USE WASTING YOUR
TALENTS IF THAT
ARMORED CAR IS
EMPTY! LET'S SEE
IF THERE'S ANYTHING
INSIDE!

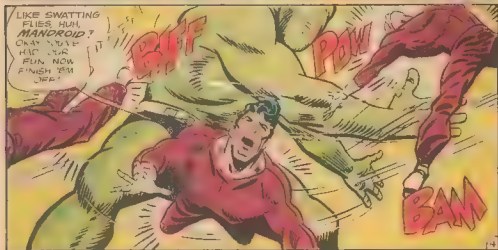
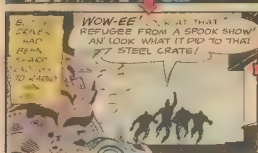
WHAT A SIGHT,
MANDROID!
JUST LOOK
AT IT, AND
DECOL!

MONEY--MONEY--MONEY! YOU
KNOW WHAT TO DO, MY WITLESS
ALLY! LET'S GO

WH-WHERE'D THAT THING
COME FROM? AND... WHAT
IS IT?

HERE SHOTS
WON'T
BOTHER
MANDROID--
AND IF
YOU FIRE
AT ME,
HE'LL
CATCH
THE
BULLETS!
BE ON
YOUR
WAY
FLEAS!

BLAM

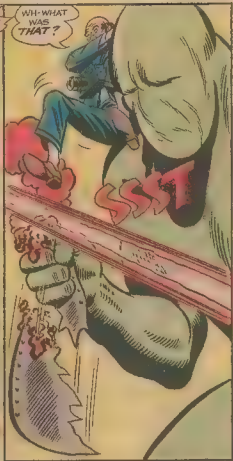


HAVING CORNERED MY BUDDIES, MONSTROUS MANDROID RIPPED OFF A JAGGED SECTION OF THE ARMORED CAR, AND LUMBERED IN TO CUT THEM DOWN...

THE SAND IN YOUR HOUR-GLASSES HAS RUN OUT, CHALLENGERS!



WH-WHAT WAS THAT?

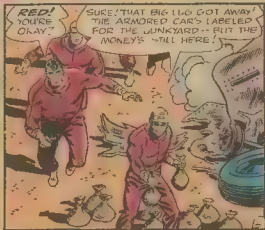


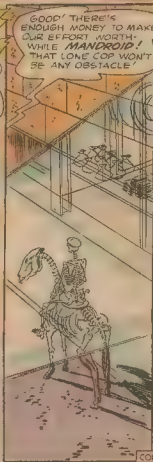
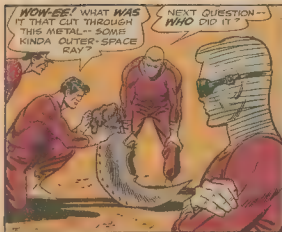
WE'D BETTER EXIT, MANDROID! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS-- AND I'M NOT HANGING AROUND TO FIND OUT!



RED! YOU'RE OKAY?

SURE! THAT BIG ILG GOT AWAY! THE ARMORED CAR'S LABELED FOR THE JUNKYARD-- BUT THE MONKEYS STILL HERE!





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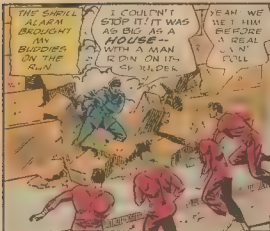
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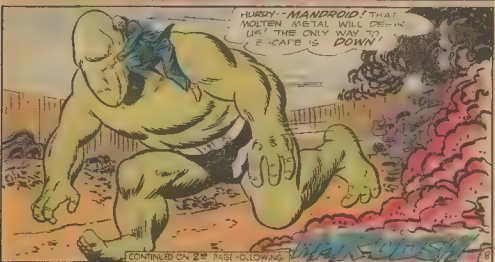
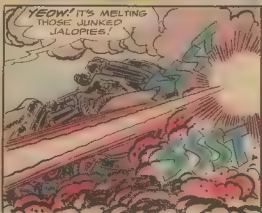
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FISTS? THAT'S THE
LEAST YOU'LL BE DOIN'
AS YOU LIVE 80 THRILLS
A MINUTE IN THE LATEST

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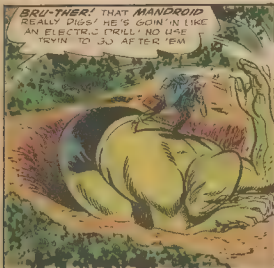
THIS IS SGT. ROCK OF EASY CO.
PLANT A TOOT WITH HIM! 2ND
GRAB A REPLICATION OF SGT. ROCK
TALES EVEN THE ENTIRE ADULT!

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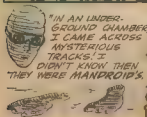
BRU-THER! THAT MANDROID
REALLY DIGGS! HE'S GOIN' IN LIKE
AN ELECTRIC DRILL! NO USE
TRYIN' TO GO AFTER 'EM



HEY, RED! WHAT PLAYS! **TWICE**
WE GOT INTO TROUBLE AND WERE
SAVED MYSTERIOUSLY AND BOTH
TIMES YOU WERE MISSING!
COULD IT BE-?

YES--I WAS
RESPONSIBLE!

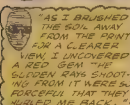
NOW I CAN TELL
YOU WHAT HAPPENED
BELOW FORT BLOX--
AND WHY I WEAR
THIS GET-UP!



"IN AN UNDER-
GROUND CHAMBER,
I CAME ACROSS
MYSTERIOUS
TRACKS! I
DIDN'T KNOW THEN
THEY WERE MANDROID'S."



WHAT KIND OF
TERRIFYING THING
IS THIS THAT
COULD SMASH THE
FLOOR OF THE
VAULT?

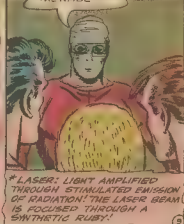


"AS I BRUSHED
THE SOIL AWAY
FROM THE PRINT
FOR A CLEARER
VIEW, I UNCOVERED
A RED GEM--THE
GLEDEN RAYS SHOOT-
ING FROM IT WERE SO
FORCEFUL THAT THEY
HURLED ME BACK."

"FOR A MOMENT, I WAS BLIND
THEN WHEN I OPENED MY
EYES--"

ALL--ALL I DID
WAS LOOK AT THEM--
AND THEY WERE
BLASTED AS IF I'D USED
BAROOKA SHELLS!

THE RAYS FROM THE GEM
SET UP SOME KIND OF
WEIRD MECHANISM IN MY
BRAIN--WHICH GENERATED
AND TRIGGERED A LASER--
LIKE BEAM! THE BEAM,
FOCUSED THROUGH MY
EYES, MADE ME A WALKING
MENACE!



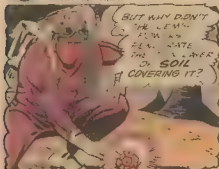
*LASER: LIGHT AMPLIFIED
THROUGH STIMULATED EMISSION
OF RADIATION! THE LASER BEAM
IS FOCUSED THROUGH A
SYNTHETIC RUBY!



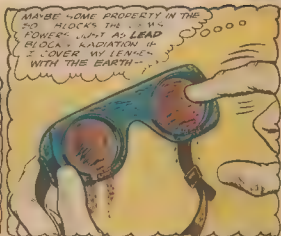
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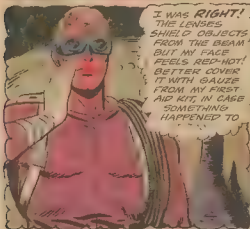
"BUT THIS WAS NO MERE RUBBY! I'D NEVER SEEN A GEM LIKE THAT BEFORE! ANYWAY, I KEPT MY EYES CLOSED OR I'D HAVE BEEN BLIND BY THE WHOLE PLACE DOWN ON ME..."



"BUT WHY DIDN'T THE LEMIN FLOW AS FAST AS THE WATER OF SOIL COVERING IT?"



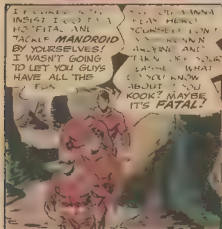
"MAYBE SOME PROPERTY IN THE SOIL BLOCKS THE LEMIN POWER... JUST AS LEAD BLOCKS RADIATION IF I COVER MY LENSES WITH THE EARTH..."



"I WAS RIGHT! THE LENSES SHIELD OBJECTS FROM THE BEAM! BUT MY FACE FEELS RED-HOT! BETTER COVER IT WITH GAUZE FROM MY FIRST AID KIT, IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO



"I TAKED THE LEMIN FROM THE PROTECTIVE SOIL AND BROUGHT IT OUT IN MY KNAPSACK! BEFORE?"



"I COULDN'T INSIST I WASN'T GOING TO LET YOU GUYS HAVE ALL THE FUN!"

"YOU'D THINK YOU'D BE HERE YOURSELF! YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN BY YOUR OWN LAME! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOU KOOK? MAYBE IT'S FATAL!"



"THAT'S THE POWER OF ALL THAT POWER! NOW WE'VE GOT ABOUT THE SAME POWER! THAT'S THE MANDROID! THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HAVE A SHOW DOWN NOW!"



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THAT'S THE CHANCE I TOOK! I HOPED A BRAIN WEAKER THAN A HUMAN'S COULDN'T ABSORB THE GEM'S RADIATIONS! THE MANDROID COULDN'T TAKE IT!



I GET IT-- LIKE WHEN YOU PUT TOO MUCH AIR IN A BALLOON... AND POP IT!

MY POOR MANDROID! IT COST SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT!



HE'S BETTER OFF WHERE HE IS-- AND YOU'LL BE BETTER OFF IN THE CLINK!

LATER AT CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN...

I GAVE MY EYES ANOTHER TEST-- THE EFFECT WORE OFF! BUT I'M KEEPING THE GEM! WHO KNOWS? MAYBE WE'LL NEED ITS UNIQUE POWERS AGAIN SOME DAY!

I HOPE WE DON'T! YOU KINDA GAVE ME THE WILLIES RUNNIN' AROUND IN THAT MUMMY MASK!



DR. CASEY AND DR. KILDARE CAN PUT AWAY THEIR SCALPELS AND STETHOSCOPES!

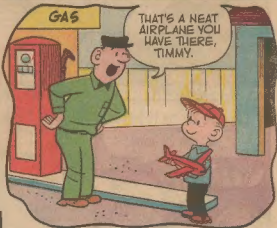
AND AS FOR YOU, YOU'LL FRACTURE YOUR FUNNYBONE AND BUST A RIB LAUGHING WHEN I BECOME

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